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Greatest Result Already

It is not too much to say that one of the greatest results of the war to all nations of the Pacific circle has already taken place in the solemn pledge of Japan to respect the integrity of China, territorially and politically, with the accompanying pledge on the part of the Japanese to act as the champion of China against any who may attempt to play the part of international swashbuckler in the Far East.

"The Chinese Question" has been for many years the sore spot in Pacific international relations, and a recent Ishii, by his frank enunciation of Japan's future policy, has virtually removed the only probable cause for friction between the American Republic and the Asiatic Empire.

Japan would have been justified in announcing an Asiatic Monroe Doctrine in her own self-protection, just as President Monroe, at the instance of Great Britain, warned the European Powers to stay out of Latin America for her self-protection. We could not logically have protested, however doubtful we may have felt over the underlying intentions of the Japanese.

We gave no guarantees to the world that our Monroe Doctrine was not a cloak for aggressiveness against the Latin-American Republics and it is certain that the protecting cloak of the Monroe Doctrine was irksome at times to the Central and South Americans and more or less suspicion of American design was evidenced up to the time of the evacuation of Cuba.

But Japan has accompanied her declaration of protection for China by the most explicit pledges that she herself will not take advantage of her superior military strength to acquire territorial and trade advantages denied to others. This is greatly more than anyone had any right to expect; certainly much more than anyone had expected, in view of recent developments and the demands made upon China by Japan under the Okuma administration.

Japan has surrendered her own claim of paramountcy in China; she has made it plain that Germany is not to regain a foothold on the eastern coast of Asia; she limits Russia to the status quo; she announces the same for her other allies, Great Britain, France and Portugal, and she takes the United States at its own word that we desire no territorial concessions at China's expense.

For the first time in many, many years China knows precisely where she stands. For the first time since the creation of the Chinese Republic the government at Peking knows what it may expect from foreign governments. The Ishii declaration should clear the air in the Orient just as it should clear the air in America, and a happier solution of possible complications could not have been arrived at.

One result should be to bring China into the closest and most friendly relations with Japan; another should be very materially to strengthen the already growing bonds of friendship and understanding between America and her Far Eastern ally.

Sugar Ships

A factor of exceptional importance in the successful carrying out of the plans that have been projected for the orderly and equitable distribution of the sugar supply during the coming year is the provision of adequate tonnage for the movement of Porto Rican, Hawaiian, Philippine and Cuban sugars, points out Facts About Sugar. While the producers, refiners and handlers of sugar have all shown a most remarkable and praiseworthy desire to subordinate their selfish interests to the general welfare by voluntarily limiting prices and profits, their efforts will go for naught unless proper provision is made for a regular and dependable supply of cargo space for the movement of sugar as it is required and at reasonable rates.

This is a matter that involves the cooperation of the Shipping Board and shipping interests with the Food Administration. We understand that it is already receiving the attention of these bodies, but we suggest that it is worth while also for the national committees representing the various branches of the sugar industry to interest themselves in the matter, to the end that a satisfactory and equitable solution of the problem may be reached.

Profitable Patriotism

BUYING A Liberty Bond by a man not accustomed to placing his money out at investment means the beginning of sure saving. It may represent a sacrifice for the present, but it means also having a certainty for the future. No better way of starting a policy of investment can be found than through purchasing a government promise-to-pay, while at the same time the ownership of even a fifty dollar Liberty Bond makes of the holder a better citizen and gives him a more personal interest in his government and in his war.

Buying Liberty Bonds by a capitalist, as has been pointed out by a frank speaker at Washington, more a matter of insurance than a matter of patriotism. The government needs so much of the money of the nation, and, if it cannot borrow it at a fair rate of interest it is going to take it.

The government has to have the money and when it commences to tax, lacking borrowing power, the tax will be upon the man with the surplus. You may either lend a portion of that surplus or pay it over the tax counter. In the one case you get it back with interest; in the other you don't.

Ideas Of Honor

PRESIDENT WILSON on several occasions, notably in his War Message of April 2 and in his reply to the peace note of the Pope, has called attention to the fact that no peace can be maintained with the imperial German government; that no autocratic government such as it can be trusted to keep faith; that only free people can hold their purpose and their honor steady to a common need, and prefer the interest of mankind to any narrow interest of their own.

The President was only restating a difference between two systems of governmental policy, two different governmental ideas of national honor, that has long existed. The quotations given below show the American idea of a nation's honor from the inception of this government down to the present day and the idea of national honor held by the German government since the days of Frederick the Great.

The foundations of our national policy will be laid in the pure and immutable principles of private morality. There exists in the course of nature an insoluble union of virtue and happiness, between duty and advantage, between honest policy and public felicity. The smiles of heaven can never be expected on a government that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained.—George Washington, President of the United States. April, 1789.

We are at the beginning of an age in which it will be insisted that the same standards of conduct and of responsibility for wrong done shall be observed among nations and their governments that are observed among the individual citizens of civilized states.—Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States. April, 1917.

We are now in a state of necessity and necessity knows no law. Our troops have occupied neutral Luxembourg and perhaps already have entered Belgium territory. This is a breach of international law. The wrong we hereby commit we will try to make good as soon as our military aims have been attained. He who is menaced as we are, and is fighting for his highest possession, can only consider how he is to back his way through.—The German Chancellor addressing the Reichstag, August 4, 1914.

The German Chancellor was simply following the keynote given by Frederick the Great speaking in 1740: "The question of right is an affair of ministers. Take what you can; you are never wrong unless you are obliged to give back."

Contrast the American and the German standards of national honor. The honor and good faith of the American government from Washington's day to Wilson's are back of the Liberty Loan Bonds. Well may they be called the safest investment on earth—the premier security of the world.

Ours Will Be Manly

THE average American will regret the necessity the French feel they are under to retaliate upon the Germans for the useless and merely murderous raids the Huns persist in making upon hospitals and undefended cities. The British, so far, have been able to restrain themselves and not even the Germans have stated that any British raids upon other than military districts have been carried out. The killing of women and children is something that can very well be left to the Germans. Hitting back by killing women and children of the Fatherland will not affect the Kaiser and his imitation Herods and will accomplish nothing except to furnish the Huns with excuses for further outrages.

Americans will never consent to make war upon defenseless men nor upon women and babies. It is not in their blood, any more than it is in the blood of the English, Scotch and Irish. This British-American characteristic may be looked upon as "soft" by the butchers of Berlin, but it is a credit these days to be scoffed at from that quarter. Chivalry, even toward a German, remains a part of the British code and will be a mark of Americanism. Let the German do as he will for the time being; the murders will be avenged in the end and through honorable means.

A mainland publication prints the following extracts from news reports, a comparison in methods that reflect nothing but glory upon the one and nothing but dishonor upon the other, a comparison that, we trust, will hold good until the end of the war. The extracts are:

The British naval airman When the crew of the who struck down one of the Belgium, torpedoed by the Germans, were on the deck of the U-boat on July 31 their lives were taken away from them and flung occupants clinging to their into the sea by an officer machine in the sea. He later the U-boat dived, threw his lifebelt to them, leaving the men to drown.

Each nation must be its own judge as to how best to disarm the curs who massacre prisoners, despoil women and crucify babies, but the average American, we believe, will continue to prefer the British method to the German, whatever the provocation and however red we see when Hun atrocities are brought to our attention.

Supposing the Public Utilities Commission has not the power to make the Inter-Island reduce its freight and passenger rates, does that release the steamship company from the allegation that its rates are unjust and unfair and its profits exorbitant? The Inter-Island would be doing itself more good if it were busy demonstrating the errors in the Public Utilities Commission's findings than in making a legal fight on a technical point for the right to charge whatever in its opinion the traffic can bear.

It is said to be the death penalty in Germany to impersonate an army officer, but so far the Crown Prince has escaped.—Washington Post.

Don't forget that extra stamp on your letters.

BREVITIES

Line Tamo and S. Yoshidomi were booked at the police station last night for investigation.

In the federal court yesterday Robert J. McDermott, Kanawha, Hawaii, was adjudged a voluntary bankrupt.

The federal grand jury will meet next Monday, October 8. The federal grand jury will convene October 22.

James K. Kawanabara, charged with malicious conversion of an automobile, the property of A. K. Yen, was discharged.

Masa Yanigahara, Jim Kuli, Martin Cruz and H. McKee were arrested last night and charged with gambling.

New offices for the license inspector have been leased on the corner of Merchant and Nuanu streets, adjoining the police station.

An involuntary bankruptcy petition was filed in the federal court, yesterday afternoon against J. Nishimoto & Company, doing business in this city.

In the police court yesterday morning Wong Pung, charged with assault and battery on Sen Hong, was fined twenty-five dollars and costs, by Judge Harry Irwin.

Corporal Harry W. Allen, infantry, has been discharged, and in turn, given a commission as second lieutenant in the infantry reserve, and assigned to duty at Fort Shafter.

United States Marshal J. J. Smiddy will return from a trip to Kauai on Saturday morning. The same day Deputy United States Marshal L. K. Silva will return from Hilo.

Federal Judge J. J. Banks has returned from a brief trip to the Big Island, in the course of which he visited the signal corps exercise in Los Angeles and expects to go to Monterey for training, and then over to France.

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 7th, First Church of Christ Scientist, in Honolulu, will hold all services in the Sunday School room of the new church office, corner Wilder Ave. and Kewalo St.

Writing from Los Angeles, Arthur E. Bixby, formerly a reporter with the Star-Bulletin, states that he has joined the signal corps exercise in Los Angeles and expects to go to Monterey for training, and then over to France.

In a declaration to the court yesterday, Ralph S. Johnston, administrator of the estate of the late Internal Revenue Collector John Haley, renounced on the part of the estate any claim to a life insurance policy, in favor of the widow.

David Nagle, watchman at the Alexander Young Hotel, who was bitten on the arm by a dog while in the discharge of his duties at the hotel on Tuesday night, was on the job yesterday, with his left arm in a sling but otherwise feeling no ill results from his painful accident.

Ten noncommissioned members of the Sixth Aero Squadron, at Fort Kamehameha, were ordered yesterday by cable from Washington to report for duty at the new aviation school, Love Field, Hawes, Texas; Corporal Busch, of this detail, has served in the Danish Canadian and American armies.

United States Marshal J. J. Smiddy left for Kauai last night and will be away until the end of the week. The marshal goes to serve papers in the case of L. R. Hoy of Hanaele, doing business under the name of the Wing Wo Company, and against whom proceedings in bankruptcy have been instituted.

Judge Heen yesterday ordered the sheriff to take into custody John Kekaula, for failure to comply with a recent order of the court to pay \$15 a month to his wife, who recently divorced him. Kekaula was brought before the court and charged with contempt in this noncompliance and was sentenced to two weeks imprisonment at the county prison.

Attorney E. C. Peters has asked the Public Utilities Commission to compel the Mutual Telephone Company to insert his name and telephone number in the company's telephone directory. Mr. Peters stated to the commission that after finding his name was omitted, he asked the company to insert his name, and states their reply was that the company was not legally required to print the names and numbers of subscribers.

On behalf of L. L. McCandless, Attorney P. L. Weaver will file suit for an injunction in the circuit court this week against City Treasurer Conkling to restrain the latter from selling some of McCandless's property to satisfy a lien for assessment under the frontage tax law. The treasurer advertises the sale to take place next Saturday at twelve o'clock noon. Attorney Weaver claims for his client that the assessment is unconstitutional.

A labor bureau to find employment for Hawaiians will be established in Honolulu by the Sons and Daughters of the Warriors of Hawaii, as soon as the proper person to take charge can be found. Mrs. Walter Macfarlane is in charge of this work. A small commission will be charged which will be used for charitable purposes. Difficulty is being experienced in finding any one with the right sort of experience who can speak and understand Hawaiian.

Utilizing the better advantages of Red Hill, Monumau over the grounds near Fort Shafter as maneuvering grounds, the Second Infantry of Fort Shafter is undergoing intensive training in bayonet and trench warfare and other extended order drill. General Waser, department commander, accompanied by Major Redington, adjutant of the department, visited the camp yesterday. The general was an interested observer of the work under way. The camp is about half a mile above the county road.

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PERSONALS

J. H. Kurewa, tax assessor of Maui, is at present in the city, on official building business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Clarke Soares of Circle Lane welcomed yesterday the arrival of a daughter at their home, the first child of the couple.

Among Valley Island visitors in Honolulu, H. B. Penhallow, manager of the Waiuku Sugar Company, and Charles Wilcox, auditor of the County of Maui.

Mrs. Amy Gleason, wife of Patrick Gleason, deputy high sheriff, was a passenger in the Maui yesterday for San Francisco. She expects to make a lengthy stay in the mainland.

P. C. Jones celebrated yesterday the sixtieth anniversary of his arrival in Honolulu. He had not yet reached his twentieth year of age. Mr. Jones is now approaching his eightieth birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Sharkey of Tokyo, the former the representative of the Associated Press at the Japanese capital, are passengers for the Coast on the S. S. Equador. Mr. Sharkey has been five years in Tokyo, where he met and married Mrs. Sharkey, a charming French woman. This will be her first visit to the United States.

Ralph Gray, eldest son of Mrs. L. M. Gray of Wailuku, writes that he has passed the tests imposed upon candidates for the aviation corps and expects to be enrolled at once. This young Honolulu has been at Cornell, but turned his attention this term to plugging up for the aviation service. He is an expert wireless telegrapher.

E. C. Hodges, manager of the Electric Shop, resigned from his position with the establishment Monday, when he joined the United States Navy as chief electrician. Mr. Hodges will be stationed at the Pacific Commercial cable office in Honolulu as assistant engineer. Jack W. Dassel, formerly of the Hawaiian Electric Company, has taken over the management of the Electric Shop.

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Filipino Asserts He Falsely Swore Away Four Lives

One of Quartet Convicted of Brutal Murder Signs Affidavit That He Alone Is Guilty of the Crime

Legal bombshells were thrown into the circuit court yesterday by Attorney W. T. Carden, counsel for the four Filipinos sentenced last Saturday by Judge Heen to pay the death penalty on the gallows, when he filed what purported to be a confession of Eduardo Asuncion, in which the latter declared he falsely swore away the lives of the quartet, and that he, only, was responsible for the crime by which Hayashibara, the Japanese storekeeper of Kaneohe, met a brutal death.

Hardly had the papers been filed at the court when the city attorney's office, which prosecuted the case, announced that when the case was opened the case came up before the court they would have a card up their sleeve which would astonish the attorney for the convicted quartet.

Thus the case, which began to take on the importance of a nine-days' wonder yesterday morning, promises to have sensational angles in both directions, but just what card will be exposed was not stated by City Attorney Brown last evening.

New Evidence
Attorney Carden filed his motion to set aside the verdict and sentence imposed and for a new trial for Isidoro Alario, Gabriel Verver, Florencio Bonella and Amador Abeta, on the ground that the movants have in their possession new and material evidence to show that the testimony of Eduardo Asuncion, which was material to the case, was false and perjured.

The confession, which is attached to the motion, is typewritten and signed by Stanley Portosa, who is stated to have interpreted Asuncion's alleged confession from Visayan into English, and so interpreted to Attorney Carden in Asuncion's cell. The same statement is also signed by Miss Josephine K. Stone, stenographer for Carden, and signed by her as notary public on September 29, 1917. The alleged confession bears the mark of Asuncion, it being stated he could not sign his name.

This statement, in which he is declared to say that he falsely testified against the quartet, asserts that when he stated that Bonella shot Hayashibara with a revolver, and that Verver stabbed the Japanese with a dagger, he spoke falsely and says that he personally inflicted all the wounds found on Hayashibara. Asuncion also states that he only intended to "rob the Japanese and persuaded the other defendants to go with him under the pretext he was taking them to a gambling game, and they did not know his intention until all had entered the store, and only assisted him because he threatened to kill them. He testified otherwise during the trial only to save his own life, but that now he makes this confession for the purpose of preventing the defendants from receiving unjust punishment of which, he claims, according to the document, they are not guilty.

In brief, according to the confession, everything he testified to in the court was false and everything should be reversed. He states, however, that the other defendants did take part in the robbery and the forcible removal of the Japanese storekeeper and his wife from the store, but only because he threatened his confederates.

Jurors' Affidavit
Two of the jurors, C. Evenson and C. Lyser, also signed affidavits which are attached to the confession and motion, in which they state that, believing Asuncion to have testified truthfully, they rendered a verdict against the four men. In these affidavits neither of the jurors declare that Asuncion was untruthful, but only that, believing his testimony they voted to convict the four men on trial as charged in the indictment.

Attorney Carden states that he went to the prison, after sentence was imposed, and talked with the prisoners who, he says, claimed they were innocent. Two of them wept. They said that Asuncion had testified falsely.

Carden said he then went to Asuncion and asked him concerning what the quartet said of his testimony. Then it was, so Mr. Carden states, that Asuncion declared he had testified falsely. This admission was made through Interpreter Portosa.

HONOLULU HALE NOW
ALMOST DESTROYED

Honolulu Hale, old landmark of old Honolulu is all but gone. Less than half of its crumbling walls are still standing and those are rapidly being felled. Within the next few days only a heap of debris will be left. The rear of King Street buildings, formerly obscured from view by Merchant Street passers by, are now visible. Old timers sigh with regret as they pass the ruins, another step in the passing of the old Honolulu.

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